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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Felix BACHOFEN

SERIAL NO: 10/501,862

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EXAMINER:

FOR: A SPRING-LOADED OPERATING MECHANISM FOR A RECTILINEAR MOTION CIRCUIT BREAKER

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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REFERENCES

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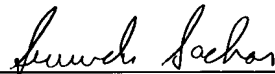
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

1) References AA, AB, AO have been cited in the International Search Report. Copies of these references are being submitted herewith only when not automatically provided by the International Searching Authority.

2) References _____ have been cited in the corresponding _____ Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.

3) References AC, AP are discussed in the specification. A copy of these references is being submitted here with.

4) References _____ are additional prior art known to Applicant. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.

FR 2747502

Rapid reopening controller for high voltage circuit-breaker with straight springs – allows cycle of opening, closure and reopening followed by cycle of closure and reopening aided by motorized compression of coaxial springs.

The controller incorporates an opening spring (25) and a coaxial closing spring (32) whose release causes compression of the opening spring. The latter drives a disc (24) fitted to the end of a rod (13) which is connected (12) to a piston carrying the moving contacts.

-The compression is performed after a trip by a reversible motor (44) aligned with the common axis (x-x) and driving a threaded shaft (43) integral with arms (40) bearing upon the ring (31) against which the closing spring abuts.

-ADVANTAGE – Very compact control allows use of a low-power motor (e.g. of 150 W) and avoids the difficulties encountered with rapidly worn ratchet wheels.